

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The Examiner is directed to amended claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 16, and 17, where the amended claims are in part intended to overcome this rejection. In particular, the Examiner is directed to the limitation in Claim 1 of “in order to prevent in said coil forming position.” This limitation is not inconsistent with the disclosure of the operation of the device, as affirmed by the Examiner. The claim correctly requires that the second arm elements 14 are in the first coil-forming position (fig. 1) to prevent (and not to allow) the first arm elements 13 to move from the first coil-forming position to the second coil-removal position.

Claims 1-25 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Beckwith (U.S. Patent No. 3,105,635). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. We have deleted the reference to the generic “preventing means” and we have better specified that the action of preventing that the first arm elements 13 can move from the first coil-forming position (fig. 1) to the second coil-removal position is realized by the two inclined walls provided in the two different arm elements 13, 14. Amended independent claims 1 and 21 now specify that the first arm elements 13 and the second arm elements 14 are movable between a first coil-forming position and a second coil-removal position, and that each one of the first arm elements 13 is provided with a first inclined wall

41, which is inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis (X) and which in the first coil-forming position (fig. 1) is in contact with a corresponding second inclined wall 40 provided in each one of the second arm elements 14, in order to prevent the first arm elements 13 from moving from the first coil-forming position (fig. 1) to the second coil-removal position (not shown in the drawings) when the second arm elements 14 are in the first coil-forming position. This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested in Beckwith, and the feature prevents the undesired movement of the first, or axial, arm elements 13 during the winding of the coil 31, in a simple and inventive manner.

In addition, claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form. The features of claims 8 and 9 are neither disclosed nor suggested in Beckwith. These claims contain all of the limitation of original claim 1 and now specify respectively that (i) flange 12 comprises a deposition ring 28 which extends parallel to the central longitudinal axis (X) and is aligned with the first arm elements 13, in order to define the cylindrical winding surface of the first rear spirals of a first layer of the spirals of the coil, and that (ii) the second arm elements 14 comprise a wall 35, which in the first coil-forming position (fig. 1) is parallel to the flange 12, and a lower tooth 27 which extends parallel to the central longitudinal axis (X) and is aligned with the first arm elements 13 to cooperate with the most external spiral 33 of a first layer of the spirals of the coil 31 and to facilitate the inversion of deposition of the spirals. Therefore claims 8 and 9 as now amended should be considered allowable.

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